

SALMON RECOVERY FUNDING BOARD

SUMMARY MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

January 21, 2000
9:00 a.m.

Spokane City Council Chambers
Spokane, Washington

SALMON RECOVERY FUNDING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

William Ruckelshaus, Chair	Seattle
Larry Cassidy	Vancouver
Brenda McMurray	Yakima
James Peters	Olympia
John Roskelley	Spokane
Steve Meyer	Executive Director, Conservation Commission (afternoon session)
Tom Eaton	Designee, Department of Ecology
Jeff Koenings	Director, Department of Fish and Wildlife
Craig Partridge	Designee, Department of Natural Resources
Jerry Alb	Designee, Department of Transportation

<i>A tape of the meeting's proceedings is retained by IAC as the formal record of the meeting.</i>
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Call to Order

Chair Ruckelshaus called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and reviewed the day's agenda. After noting that Topic #4 the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) update was being postponed until the February Board meeting, the Agenda was approved.

Topic #1 – Approval of Minutes from December 3, 1999, Meeting

Larry Cassidy **moved** adoption of minutes from December 3, 1999, John Roskelley **seconded. Motion Carried.**

Topic #2 – Management and Status Reports

Laura Johnson gave the Director's Report, updating the Board members on work the staff have been doing in the last month: preparing for the legislative session, organizing the application process, informing applicants of the grant process, negotiating contracts, and preparing materials for the SRFB meeting.

Debra Wilhelmi gave the Financial Management Report. Debra updated the SRFB on the status of funds currently committed and programmatic activities to date. Debra also informed the SRFB of an additional duty given the IAC -- the administration of \$3.6 (federal) million for the improvement of hatcheries in the Puget Sound area and other coastal communities. This work will be accomplished through contracts with US Fish

and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, and Long Live the Kings. In addition to writing the contracts, IAC will be providing support and bill paying to the Hatchery Scientific Review Group. Debra also mentioned the possibility of budget cuts due to passage of I-695. Although IAC falls into the small agency exemption and has not been required to submit a reduction package at this time, they recognize other state and local agencies will have a hard budget year.

Eric Johnson gave a Project Services update. Eric talked about the two application workshops given by staff in December. The first was a Lead Entity workshop given in conjunction with Fish and Wildlife staff. This workshop was held in Renton and had very good turnout by all the Lead Entity representatives. The Lead Entity prioritized lists and applications are to be received or postmarked by January 31. The second workshop was held in Ellensburg for areas not covered by a Lead Entity. This workshop also had a fairly good turnout. Applications from areas not covered by Lead Entities were due on January 18. The IAC has received 16 applications from non-Lead Entities. Staff are collecting the questions they have received about the grant process and will develop a Q & A document for on the Web page.

Jim Fox gave a Legislative Update, discussing HB2406 and HB2589. Both bills are scheduled for hearing in the House Natural Resources Committee on January 25. HB 2406 provides clarification and elaboration on the definitions established by HB2496 in 1998 and adds the definitions of listed stocks, SASSI, and SSHIAP. This bill also establishes a timeline for project completion and gives a list of activities that may be funded by the Board. HB 2589 gives the Board the ability to fund projects that are legally obligated by the landowner under state or federal law as long as there is a clear benefit to salmon recovery. The Board asked staff to work with House Natural Resources Committee staff to make some technical changes in the bills.

Topic #3 – GSRO Report

Chris Drivdahl of the Governor's Salmon Recovery Office (GSRO) gave the GSRO Report updating the Board on Joint Natural Resource Cabinet activities and discussed the Scorecard process and how this process can interact with the SRFB. The GSRO would like to give the SRFB a presentation on the Balanced Scorecard in April. The Board was very interested in discovering how the SRFB should be involved in Balanced Scorecard process and the best way to proceed in coordinating with the Governor's Salmon Recovery Office. Chair Ruckelshaus would like to have the Balanced Scorecard presentation at the February meeting instead of waiting until April.

Topic #4 – NMFS Update

Postponed until the February 17 & 18 meeting in Bremerton.

Topic #5 – Programmatic Activities

Mr. Ruckelshaus gave an overview of the thirteen programs that were earmarked for

funding in SB5595 but vetoed by the Governor. He stressed how difficult this issue has been to resolve. The SRFB will need to go through a couple of grant cycles before all the issues about funding these and other programmatic activities will be resolved.

The Board discussed the thirteen programs and the specific proposals submitted to the Board for funding.

There was no request at this time for several of the programs. These programs were: **Protection of Critical Areas** which depends on actions regarding 4(d) rule and forest practices act; **Reducing By-Catch**; **Conservation Service Technical Guidelines**, and the **License Buy-Back** program. (Note: The **Selective Harvesting** program was fully funded at the August 20, 1999, SRFB meeting.

Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board – Jeff Breckel, Executive Director for the LCFRB, requested the remaining portion of the original \$500,000 appropriation. Mr. Breckel explained the LCFRB's project plan and organizational structure. He explained that the funds requested would take them through December 2001 and completion of the first draft of the Regional Recovery Plan. John Roskelley **moved** to approve the \$250,000 request, Larry Cassidy **seconded**. Motion **carried**.

People for Salmon – John Sayre, Executive Director for PFS, and Michael Karp, AWISH CEO and President, requested \$1.1 million for People for Salmon work. Mr. Sayre gave an overview of PFS activities and past accomplishments. John Geidl, a volunteer coordinator in the Walla Walla area, and Willy O'Neil, Association of General Contractors, gave public testimony in support of full funding for PFS. After discussion and the public testimony, John Roskelley **moved** that the request be approved in part, for \$400,000 additional, with the rest of the request to be looked at on a later date, Brenda McMurray **seconded**. Motion **carried**.

Conservation Commission – Don Stuart, Washington Association of Conservation Districts presented the request for \$415,000 describing the funding need and use of previous funding. Jay Watson of the Hood Canal Coordinating Council gave public testimony in support of funding for the Conservation Districts. After discussion and public testimony, Larry Cassidy **moved** the request be accepted in full, John Roskelley **seconded**. Motion **carried**.

The Department of Fish and Wildlife presented several programs: **Monitoring Restoration**, request for \$750,000, **Stream Corridor Guidelines** request for \$200,000, **Engineering Services**, request for \$1.078 million, and the **Screen Enhancement**, request for \$1.7 million. Tim Smith, WDFW Legislative Liaison, gave an overview of each of the programs. Ken Bates, Randy McIntosh, Nina Carter, and Paul Sekulich were also available to answer questions and expand on presentation materials.

The Board first discussed **Stream Corridor Guidelines**. Funding of this program is for completion of the first edition of Stream Corridor Guidelines for twelve different areas of the state by the end of the biennium. The Board requested that WDFW get this information out sooner rather than later. John Roskelley **moved** the request for \$200,000 be accepted in full, Jim Peters **seconded**. Motion **carried**.

The funding requests for **Screen Enhancement** and **Monitoring Restoration** were discussed next. After significant discussion of the two programs with questions being answered by Fish and Wildlife staff, John Roskelley **moved** the requests (\$1.7 million Screen Enhancement and \$750,000 for Monitoring Restoration) be accepted in full, Jim Peters **seconded**. Motion **carried**.

The last WDFW program to be heard was the \$1.078 million request for **Engineering Services**. This program will provide engineering design services to the Lead Entities. Following some questions by the Board on how this program would work, Brenda McMurray requested the decision on this **request** be **delayed** until a later time. Jeff Koenings, WDFW Director, will have his staff go back to the Lead Entities and review this issue with them and the need for continued assistance.

Randy Acker, Department of Natural Resources, presented the request for \$3.3 million for the **Jobs for the Environment Program**. This program provides grant funding for habitat restoration projects employing out of work timber workers. The Board discussed the similarity of this grant program to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board's program. The Board questioned the need to support this funding program when is so similar to their own process. Larry Cassidy stated that he couldn't support funding of this program. Chair Ruckelshaus, Brenda McMurray, and John Roskelley also expressed concerns with funding this program. **No motion** was made to approve the funding.

See attached table for current status of the original allocation.

Topics #6 – Evaluation Panel Process, #7 – Review Panel Process, #8 – Allocation Issues, and #9 – Policy Manual Adoption

Laura Johnson did a quick overview of the rest of these topics due to the length of time the earlier agenda topics had taken and Board member's travel schedules.

Topic #10 – Forests and Fish Contract Update

Debra Wilhelmi gave an update on the Forest and Fish contract currently being developed in coordination with staff, OFM, and DNR. DNR is asking for the Board's concurrence with the elements proposed for funding. John Roskelley **moved** the Board concur with the proposed elements, Jim Peters **seconded**. Motion **carried**. A more detailed report will be given at the February meeting.

Adjournment

Chair Ruckelshaus closed the meeting by thanking everyone for attending the meeting.

There will be a House Capital Budget overview of the SRFB on Thursday, January 27.

The next meeting of the SRFB is scheduled for February 17 and 18, 2000, in Bremerton with a possible tour on the 17th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at about 4:45 p.m.

Attest,SRFB APPROVAL:

William Ruckelshaus, Chair

Date

Future Meetings: February 17-18, 2000 (Bremerton)
 March 16-17, 2000 (Wenatchee)
 April 20-21, 2000 (Bellingham)

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Attachment

Program or Activity	Original SB 5595 Allotments	Funded in Aug 99	Funded in Jan 00	Total Funded
Protection of Critical Areas	2,100,000	0	0	0
SW Washington Salmon Recovery Region	480,000	230,000	250,000	480,000
SW Washington Salmon Recovery Region - WDFW	20,000	20,000	0	20,000
People for Salmon (A W.I.S.H.)	1,500,000	400,000	400,000	800,000
Conservation District Activities	830,000	415,000	415,000	830,000
Monitoring Restoration	1,000,000	250,000	750,000	1,000,000
Conservation Service Tech Guides	400,000	0	0	0
Stream Corridor Guidelines	800,000	600,000	200,000	800,000
Engineering Services	1,100,000	22,000	0	22,000
Screen Enhancement (SSHEAR)	1,700,000	0	1,700,000	1,700,000
Selective Harvesting	50,000	50,000	0	50,000
Reducing By-Catch	150,000	50,000	0	50,000
Jobs for the Environment	6,330,000	3,000,000	0	3,000,000
License Buy-back	8,000,000	0	0	0
Total	24,460,000	5,037,000	3,715,000	8,752,000